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SUBJECT: ROAD SECURITY IN LAOS

REF VIENTIANE 2034 NOTAL

1. GUERRILLA ACTIVITY HAS MADE TRAVEL UNSAFE ON THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET AND PAKSE, ACCORDING TO THE SHELL OIL MANAGER IN LAOS AND AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE CORRESPONDENT. THE LATTER TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 27 THAT TWO TOWNS IN THE AREA OFF THE MAIN ROAD HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY GUERRILLAS PRVIOUS WEEK AND CONTINUED TO BE HELD BY THEM. SHELL MANAGER ADDED THAT GOODS HAD TO BE SHIPPED BETWEEN SAVANNAKHET AND PAKSE BY RIVER.

2. SHELL MANAGER ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS NO GUERRILLA HARASSMENT ON ROAD FROM VIENTIANE TO LUANG PRABANG BUT THAT TRAVEL WAS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF POOR ROAD CONDITIONS DURING RAINY SEASON.
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